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SUBJ: FY-1976 IVP LEADER GRANT FOR ELECTION OFFICIAL

1. PROPOSE PARTIAL LEADER GRANT FOR DR. MANUEL VITORINO DE QUEIROZ OF MINISTRY OF INTERNAL ADMINISTRATION'S TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT FOR POLITICAL AND ELECTORAL AFFAIRS. QUEIROZ, A LAWYER, IS SECRETARIAT'S REPRESENTATIVE ON NATIONAL ELECTION COMMISSION, WHICH WILL SUPERVISE 1976 ASSEMBLY AND PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS. QUEIROZ HAS EXPRESSED INTEREST IN VISITING U.S. FOR A WEEK TO TEN DAYS DURING PERIOD FEB 20-MAR. 5. HE WISHES TO CONSULT WITH U.S. AND STATE OFFICIALS REGARDING TECHNICAL PROCEDURES AND SUPERVISION OF ELECTIONS AND ABSENTEE VOTING. HE WILL ALSO BE CONSULTING WITH PORTUGUESE CONSULAR OFFICIALS IN NEW ENGLAND AND NEW JERSEY REGARDING PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING VOTES OF PORTUGUESE EMIGRANTS. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT WE OFFER QUEIROZ A PARTIAL LEADER GRANT TO COVER PER DIEM AND TRAVEL WITHIN U.S. AND FACILITATE QUEIROZ'S CONTACTS WITH U.S. AND STATE OFFICIALS.

2. ANTICIPATE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL WILL BE COVERED BY MINISTRY. REQUEST CABLE APPROVAL ASAP. COMPLETE BIO-DATA AND PROGRAM SUGGESTIONS WILL BE SENT SEPTTEL AFTER DEPT APPROVAL IS RECEIVED.
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